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Memorandum for Holders-4 of
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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Council

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Acting Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: 1985 Intelligence Capabilities Study: A Review [redacted]

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1. Attached is a review of Intelligence Community responsiveness to challenges identified in the 1985 Study proposed by the Executive Steering Group for Strategic Planning. [redacted]

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2. The review focuses particularly on those areas where Community progress is evident, and by implication on those areas where further investment is needed. Of 59 recommendations for improvement specified in the 1985 Study, you will note that 26 are being implemented, either totally or partially; this includes partial improvements in the areas of analysis and human source collection that the President directed should receive priority treatment. The third topic, counterintelligence, was addressed in a separate study entitled Capabilities Against the Hostile Intelligence Threat, 1983-1988, dated July 1982, which responded to NSSD-2. Progress on counterintelligence has been discussed on several occasions by the IG/CI and IG/CM in support of the SIG(I). Although the Intelligence Community has made progress in implementing some of the recommendations contained in the 1985 Intelligence Capabilities Study, there remains substantial room for future investment actions. The review does not call for further improvements beyond those already recommended, and concludes by terminating the 1985 Study as a continuing focal point for long-range planning. The Study will be used henceforth only as a reference point from which a future course for long-term planning at the Community level will be set. [redacted]

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3. This review is forwarded for your personal consideration. Please provide your concurrence or any comments to the Executive Secretary, NFIC, by 5 August 1983. [redacted]

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